

REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

THE INTERNATIONAL TEXT-BOOK OF SURGERY. In two volumes. By American and British Authors. Edited by J. COLLINS WARREN, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.S. (HON.), Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School; and A. PEARCE GOULD, M.S., F.R.C.S., of London, England. Second Edition, thoroughly Revised and Enlarged. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1902.

It was the pleasant task of the writer to review the first edition of this work when it appeared in 1900. That a new edition should be called for after so short an interval is sufficient evidence of the estimation in which the profession has held the book. Neither publisher nor editors have been willing to put forth the new edition without such additions and changes as the lapse of two years have rendered necessary. The completeness of the earlier edition may be judged of, however, by the comparatively trivial changes which appear. These are of value, and put the work abreast of the times. The chapter on the surgery of the lymphatic system has been much improved, and the operative treatment of tubercular glands is treated in a more modern spirit, partial and incomplete methods being given the place they deserve, while due stress is laid upon the careful and exact surgery that more complete operations require. Some additions have been made to the chapter on the surgery of the spleen. Throughout the book one finds new illustrations, which increase the value of a work already profusely illustrated. The chapter on military surgery has been enlarged and many new plates introduced. Some matter, however, has been omitted which will be missed. Numerous statistical tables have been added to the chapter on naval surgery which will prove useful and instructive. One of the most valuable additions to the

book is the article on the therapeutics of the Röntgen ray. A full account is also given of Finsen's light treatment of lupus and allied affections. In the chapter on injuries of the joints no mention has been made of the method of treating sprains first advocated by Callender and since popularized in this country by Gibney, of New York. Nor has the carbolic acid and alcohol treatment of tuberculous joints advocated by Phelps received attention in the article on diseases of joints. In the same article the author confuses rheumatoid arthritis with arthritis deformans. The first is a true gouty affection of the joints, and seems to have a predilection for the shoulder-joint, whereas arthritis deformans, a totally different disease, is an arthropathy of nervous origin, and up to the present time quite incurable, which is not the case with true rheumatoid arthritis. The plate which is intended to illustrate rheumatoid arthritis is in fact a typical picture of the hands and feet in arthritis deformans. In the chapter on malignant growths no mention has been made of the work of Plimmer and Russell in England, of San Felice in Italy, nor of Park and Gaylord in this country. The work of all these observers is of sufficient importance to demand passing mention even from the most convinced adherent of Cohnheim's theory.

The new edition of Warren and Gould will be as popular as its predecessor. It is an admirable exponent of the art and science of surgery and reflects credit on editors and contributors alike.

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DISEASES OF THE STOMACH. By JOHN C. HEMMETER, M.D., Philos.D., Professor in the Medical Department of the University of Maryland, etc. Third Enlarged and Revised Edition. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co., 1902.

The volume before us consists of nearly 900 pages, and is the result of great erudition and a vast amount of painstaking labor. While primarily it is intended for the internist or, to use the author's term, the clinicist, yet there is much of value to the